

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel.

Today, Israel is home to over 8 million people—all with unique histories that stretch from around the world. The nation has become fertile ground for business, innovation, and entrepreneurship, with companies leading the way in cutting edge technologies. Israel has also worked to strengthen their global outreach and assistance through the work of organizations such as MASHAV—sharing expert insight and technical assistance with countries in the developing world, and helping to lift people out of poverty.

Founded as a Jewish state in 1948 following the aftermath of the horrific genocide that was the Holocaust, Israel's existence is a tribute to perseverance. From the beginning, many of Israel's neighbors rejected their right to exist—some even taking up arms and attacking the young nation. I have been, and will continue to be, an ardent supporter of Israel, and have advocated for robust U.S. engagement to help ensure their safety and encourage peace in the region.

I am proud to rise in support of Israel on this exciting anniversary, and to celebrate the deep ties that have been forged between it and the United States—including in the Ninth District of Washington state. I look forward to the future.

JUDGE PAUL W. DANAHY, JR.'S
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Paul W. Danahy, Jr.'s 90th birthday, a member of my hometown of Tampa and the state of Florida's Greatest Generation. He may wish to be remembered as much for working his way through college at the legendary Valencia Gardens restaurant as the only Anglo member of the Spanish Waiters than for being one of the longest-serving members on Florida's Second District Court of Appeals. Wherever Judge Danahy served he earned a reputation for working tirelessly and for gaining the respect of all with whom he worked.

Born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, Judge Danahy was drawn to Tampa to play basketball at the University of Tampa. In Tampa he found both a new hometown and the love of his life, Georgia Reed. Judge Danahy enlisted

in the army during the Korean War and has a very unique military record including three honorable discharges from two branches of the military: the Marine Reserves, the U.S. Army Infantry, and finally from service in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps, a precursor to the CIA. Upon return from military service he found his true calling and earned his law degree from the University of Florida in 1957.

Judge Danahy became an influential member of the Florida House of Representatives serving from 1966 to 1974. True to form, Judge Danahy played a significant role as part of what many believe to be Tampa's greatest state legislative delegations during the late 60s and early 70s. There, amongst other progressive policies, he drafted and championed the very first enactment of our state's Ethics Law, which continues in force to this day, and is now firmly ensconced within Florida's Constitution. The Florida we know and love today would not be possible without the contributions of Judge Danahy and his partners in Florida's Greatest Generation.

After leaving the legislature Judge Danahy's service was only beginning. He was appointed to the Second District Court of Appeals in 1977 and sat on the bench a record shattering thirty-three years, serving as Chief Judge from 1986 to 1988. In his 30th year at the court, Judge Danahy received a fitting recognition—the largest conference room at the Tampa branch of the 2nd DCA was named the Judge Paul W. Danahy, Jr., Conference Room. This recognition not only honored his record setting time on the bench but also his legislative prowess—he was largely responsible for obtaining legislative funding to bring the branch to Tampa.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to honor and send many wishes to a great Tampanian, Judge Paul W. Danahy, Jr., on his 90th birthday. His legacy continues as the patriarch of an ever-growing family to which he imparts his wisdom, and through whom his lessons and beliefs will surely echo in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING WOMAN OF LIGHT
HONOREE INA THOMPSON

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of Ina Thompson, who is the ninth woman to be honored in the Women of Light program sponsored by the DeFuniak Springs Woman's Club. Women of Light honors women past and present who have made significant contributions to our community or who came from this area and made contributions elsewhere.

Ina Simmons was born October 3, 1902 in Freeport, Florida. Her parents were Dr. Daniel Simmons and her mother Mary Ansley Sim-

mons, an early education teacher. She had five siblings; Minnie Ruth, Sarah Gertrude, Mary Edith, Daniel Curtis and Martha Louise.

Her family moved to DeFuniak Springs in 1909 where her father opened a private practice in addition to caring for lumber and turpentine workers as a company doctor. Ina attended schools in Walton County and graduated from Walton High School in 1920. She loved sports and was on the girls' basketball team. Her favorite subject was history.

She attended Florida State College for Women and was a forward on the basketball team. She also played tennis and held an elected office each of the four years she attended the school. Ina graduated in 1924 with majors in history and English. She returned in 1948 and received a Masters Degree in Education at what was by then Florida State University.

After graduation Miss Simmons returned to DeFuniak Springs and taught English and history at Walton High School. In 1928, Miss Simmons married Warner Thompson who had graduated from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. The couple moved to Wilmore where Warner finished his last two years at Asbury Seminary. Their son, Warner Paul Thompson Jr. was born in 1929. Rev. Warner graduated from seminary in 1930 and became a Methodist minister.

The family moved to Gamber, Maryland where Rev. Thompson pastored a church. Two years later he was a minister for a church in Baltimore. Daughter Gretchen Ann was born there in 1936. Rev. Thompson suffered from asthma in an age where there were not the medicines we now have to treat it. There were times when he was too ill to give the sermon on a Sunday. On those days the church allowed Mrs. Thompson to fill the pulpit and deliver the sermon.

In 1941, after the passing of Rev. Thompson, the young widow and her two children returned to DeFuniak Springs and her family home.

Mrs. Thompson worked as a visitor for the Welfare Board. In 1943 she was made a Welfare Board supervisor for Walton and Holmes Counties.

In 1945 the Florida legislature provided funds to create in each county a new position, general supervisor of schools. This position was appointed by the county superintendent of schools. Mrs. Thompson was the first general supervisor of schools in Walton County. She was in charge of curriculum development for elementary through high schools. She held this position for ten years. In 1955, newly elected Florida governor LeRoy Collins wanted a woman to be a member of his "little cabinet" and be the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles. His friend, Tom Bailey, was the state superintendent of schools and Mr. Collins asked if he could recommend someone. Mr. Bailey named Ina Thompson and she agreed to take the position. She was in charge of distributing auto license plates and collecting \$27,000,000 in annual taxes.

As president of the fourteen state South Eastern Region of Motor Vehicle Administrators, she would travel and host conventions to

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address their mutual problems. She also traveled all over the United States and Canada as one of 500 delegates of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

Mrs. Thompson was an active member of the First United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher, director of youth and board member. She was a speaker for the United Methodist Women. She was involved in the community as a member of the Pilot Club, Woman's Club and Garden Club in DeFuniak Springs.

Mrs. Thompson died November 23, 1993. Her son, Paul, became a lawyer and daughter, Gretchen McCall, taught third grade and plays organ at the First United Methodist Church in DeFuniak Springs. She had five grandchildren; Ann Thompson, James McCall, Donna Powell, Beth Hrabal and Mary Grace Brooks. She had five great grandchildren; Paul Thompson, Hailee, Trevor and Christian Powell and Carolyn Brooks. Mrs. Thompson was honored as a Woman of Light on April 20, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in DeFuniak Springs.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize and honor Woman of Light Honoree Ina Thompson for her countless contributions and accomplishments. She led a remarkable life and her legacy lives on through her children and the invaluable impact she had on her community.

CELEBRATING DEAN DONALD
ELDRED ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dean Donald Eldred who is celebrating his 90th birthday. Dean Eldred has become a pillar in the Jacksonville community through his years of service to Illinois College.

Donald R. Eldred earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dubuque and a Master of Arts degree from Northwestern University before coming to Illinois College in 1961. He retired from the College in 1993 with the emeritus titles of Dean of Students and Professor of English/Communications. Following his retirement, he taught one or two classes at IC on a part-time basis for 12 years.

Eldred's achievements at Illinois College also include the founding of the Sturtevant Leadership awards for outstanding seniors; founding of the silver cup for outstanding literary work by the men's literary societies; enrolling in coursework at Oxford University; being the first to design and direct a Break-Away for students throughout the British Isles, England, Scotland and Ireland; and serving in director roles for the College's 150th and 160th anniversary celebrations. During Eldred's affiliation with the Hilltop campus, he has worked in some capacity with eight generations of students.

In 2004 Illinois College conferred upon Eldred the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. He was recognized as a Friend of the College by the Illinois College Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally celebrate Dean Donald R. Eldred on his 90th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, on April 18, 2018, I was attending the funeral of fallen Officer Sean Gannon of the Yarmouth Police Department who was killed in the line of duty. I was therefore unable to be present for the vote on the motion on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 831, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 5444 and H.R. 5445. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 143, I would have voted "NAY."

I was also unable to be present for the vote on passage of H. Res. 831, the rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5444 Taxpayer First Act, and providing for consideration of the H.R. 5445 21st Century IRS Act. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 144, I would have voted "NAY."

I was also unable to be present for the vote on passage of H.R. 5445, the 21st Century IRS Act, offered by Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 145, I would have voted "AYE."

I was also unable to be present for the vote on passage of H.R. 5444, the Taxpayer First Act, offered by Mr. JENKINS of Kansas. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 146, I would have voted "AYE."

I was also unable to be present for the vote on passage of H.R. 2905, the Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act of 2018, as amended, offered by Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 147, I would have voted "AYE."

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SYRACUSE BOYS
AND GIRLS CLUBS

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse in my district.

Since 1892, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse has been serving Syracuse children of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds. While the program began as simply the "Boys' Evening Home" in the May Memorial Church in Syracuse, it has grown extraordinarily in the last 125 years.

Following World War I, membership continued to grow exponentially, resulting in several relocations and expansions until the Club found its permanent home at 430 East Genesee Street. By the late 1940s, the Club had expanded to a total of three branches to accommodate its 6,000 members. In 1990, the Club changed its name to the Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse. After many years of welcoming girls into the organization, it only seemed proper to finally change its name.

Today, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse has four clubhouses and two school-based sites, which provide a variety of programs for the children of Syracuse. Serving over 1,000 members annually, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse enables children in

our community to realize their potential and become productive and prospering members of our society.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse will always ensure that every child has access to a safe environment after school with caring adults. The work that they do provides an incredible benefit to Central New York, allowing parents to work hard without having to worry about the safety of their children.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse on 125 years of great success.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MRS. GRACE MILROY

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th birthday of a veteran, artist, neighbor, wife, mother, and grandmother, Grace Milroy of Vinton, Iowa.

Mrs. Milroy has a family of four children, ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren to celebrate this special day with her. She is a family oriented woman who was married for 68 years to Boyd Milroy, and together they made a beautiful family and life.

During World War II, she was stationed in Washington, D.C. working in the Office of Correspondence. Beginning in 1942 until the end of the war, she wrote letters to families that no family hoped to receive. The letters, unfortunately, were to inform the families that their loved ones in the service would not make it home. The most memorable she described was to the parents of a chaplain who was killed in action. While it was a tiring endeavor, she understood the importance of each letter and wrote as much information as the rules would allow to all recipients.

After the war, she returned to Iowa where she attended college and met her husband. She was an artist in her free time, creating cross stitch projects and quilts. She even won awards for her exemplary work, and her family describes Grace as independent and hard-working. I'm proud to be able to say Happy 100th Birthday to this amazing woman, Mrs. Grace Milroy.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF
WARRANT OFFICER FIRST CLASS
REGINALD DAVID CLEVE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifice of U.S. Army Warrent Officer First Class Reginald David Cleve of Farmington, MO, missing in action since March 22, 1971.

The 23-year-old Mr. Cleve was a member of the 176th Aviation Company, 14th Aviation Battalion, 10th Aviation Group and the 23rd Infantry Division. He was the commander aboard a UH1H "Huey" aircraft in a group of five helicopters conducting an emergency rescue mission on that day. With a crew of